affected if untreated effluents are discharged in the water bodies. The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board has reported that M/s Kanoria Sugar and General Manufacturing Co. Ltd. at Kaptanganj in Uttar Pradesh has provided effluent treatment plant to treat its effluent. The State Pollution Control Board had issued directions to this unit for proper operation and maintenance of the effluent treatment plant.

(a) All other sugar units in Uttar Pradesh have been directed by the Board for proper operation and maintenance of their effluent treatment plants so as to conform to the prescribed standards.

Animal Diseases

1592. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to promote treatment of the animal diseases in the private sector particularly in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken the advise of certain experts before formulating these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Pollution in National Capital Region

1593. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Pollution turning into environment crisis" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated January 29, 1997;

(b) if so, whether any recent study have been conducted to ascertain the level of pollution in the towns of the NCR;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) the scale and type of fiscal incentives being given to the small and medium scale industries to control the environmental pollution; and

(e) the steps the Government propose to take to save NCR towns from pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Pollution Control Board conducted an ambient air quality monitoring survey in the National Capital Region—Delhi during the year 1994-95. A total of 33 cities/towns were selected in the National Capital Region covering 14 towns of Uttar Pradesh, 16 towns of Haryana and 3 towns of Rajasthan. The monitoring continued for thirty days in three different seasons *viz.*, winter, summer and post monsoon covering the parameters like suspended particulates, oxides of nitrogen and sulphur dioxide. The average ambient levels of pollutants were found below their prescribed limits except suspended particulates.

(d) Fiscal incentives available to the small and medium scale industries include exemption/rebate in custom duty for import of pollution control equipments, rebate in excise duty, Central and State subsidy to the extent of 50 per cent of the total cost of the Combined Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small scale units, etc.

(e) Steps taken by the Government to control pollution in the National Capital Region include the following :

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed.

(ii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards.

(iv) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment on a time bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(v) Notification of ambient air quality standards has been issued.

(vi) Central Pollution Control Board regularly monitors the water quality of Yamuna and of the ground water in Delhi. State Pollution Control Boards of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana have been requested to take up monitoring work in the various rivers.

(vii) Government of India has notified noise standards for industrial, commercial and residential areas and silence zones.

(viii) Codes of practice has been evolved for operation of various equipments to ensure that noise levels are maintained within the prescribed limits.

(ix) Public awareness campaigns are being carried out.

Manufacture of Pyrazinamide

1594. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of anomaly in the duty structure of DAMN *vis-a-vis* Cynopyrazine, both